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USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM ANKARA DTD 16 JAN 1978 QTE

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NODIS CHEROKEE

PASS USDEL SECRETARY AIRCRAFT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

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SUBJ: US-TURKISH RELATIONS

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1. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A FURTHER PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE TO ECEVIT AFTER VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TOMORROW
BUT WOULD URGE THAT IT NOT SET FORTH CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS
ON " HOW WE CAN BEST PROCEED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS"
WHICH I RECOMMEND BE HANDLED ORALLY BETWEEN SECRETARY

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AND ECEVIT.

2. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING SUGGESTED
TEXT:

"TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT:

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS

ON THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TODAY.

AMBASSADOR SPIERS HAS KEPT ME FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE HAD WITH HIM REGARDING YOUR PLANS FOR APPROACHING THE PROBLEMS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. I HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM TO TELL YOU THAT WE WILL FOLLOW WITH INTEREST THE FURTHER STEPS YOU TAKE AND TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

I AM GLAD THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR SECRETARY VANCE TO STOP IN ANKARA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU THIS FRIDAY. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A GENERAL REVIEW OF OUR RESPECTIVE POLICIES AND PERSPECTIVES ON THE ISSUES WE CURRENTLY FACE IN OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM THAT WE HAVE NO INHERENT REASON, BEYOND IMPROVING THE PRESENT SITUATION THERE, TO SEEK AN ACTIVE U.S. ROLE OR INVOLVEMENT. WE WISH TO BE HELPFUL WHERE WE CAN AND IN WAYS THAT THE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL FIND USEFUL. I CAN ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT REBUILDING A STRONG BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY IS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY FOR MY ADMINISTRATION.

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JIMMY CARTER".
SPIERS UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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